

**Privacy Act Statement for NRCS Conservation Program Applications**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Background: In order to process the attached conservation program application, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) employees, director and board members while acting for NRCS may be required to release a minimum amount of your personal information. This release of information will only be in the course of processing the application, and will only consist of the information stated below and will only be released to the person(s) listed below.

☐ Do not release any of my application information

☐ NRCS has my permission to release the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ NRCS has my permission to release the above information in the following situations:

Soil and Water Conservation District open meetings and the minutes from these meetings \_\_\_\_\_

Other Situations or Persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Privacy Act of 1974 Compliance Information: Solicitation of information contained herein is authorized by Executive Order 10450, and/or Section 231 of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13041), and may be used as a basis for suitability determinations. Disclosure of the information by you is voluntary. Information may be transferred as a routine use to appropriate federal, state or local agencies when relevant to the issuance of a license, grant, or approval for participation in a conservation program. Failure to provide information requested on this form may result in the government's inability to determine your suitability for the program you are applying for.

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Authorization and Release: I hereby authorize the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to release certain information contained in the enclosed application. The information released will only be information needed to process my application. I have been informed of my rights under the Privacy Act of 1974 and the protection of my personal information under USDA NRCS General Manual Part 408.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Authorization for NRCS Release of Conservation Plan File Information

Persons receiving Federal funding or final designs/specifications through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement conservation projects are required to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, as well as obtain any required Federal, State, or local permits prior to construction of the project. In order to ensure compliance with Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), NRCS is required to consult with US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Fisheries [formerly referred to as the National Marine Fisheries service (NMFS)] if we determine our actions will affect Threatened or Endangered species or their habitat. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires NRCS to cooperate with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Advisory Council).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have control of said project and/or property, and give my consent for NRCS to consult with and/or release pertinent information from my project or construction plan relating to said consultation with the USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, Advisory Council, and SHPO to ensure compliance with ESA, MSA, and NHPA. This does not authorize access to my private property by non-NRCS agencies, groups or individuals.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have control of said project and/or property and choose **not** to give my consent for NRCS to consult with and/or release pertinent information from my project or construction plan relating to said consultation with the USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, Advisory Council, and SHPO to ensure compliance with ESA, MSA, and NHPA.

If you choose **not** to give your consent, you may work directly with these agencies when the need arises and provide assurance of ESA, MSA and NHPA compliance to the NRCS prior to implementation of your planned project. NRCS will provide you no further assistance until the consultation process has been completed.

**NOTE:** Failure to provide consent may affect your eligibility to receive USDA funding for your project. You may cancel this consent by written notice.

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NAME (Signature)

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DATE

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